



United States Attorney's Office
District of Columbia

Jeffrey A. Taylor
United States Attorney

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, May 4, 2009

USAO Public Affairs

(202) 514-6933

www.usdoj.gov/usao/dc

**Former Contract GAO Technology Worker Sentenced to
18 months in Prison and Ordered to Pay \$180,000 in Restitution
for Role in Government Laptop Theft Scheme**

***--Defendant stole 89 government laptops over more than a year
and re-sold them using the online classified site Craigslist.org--***

WASHINGTON - Darryl Roger Lyles, 37, a resident of Capitol Heights, Maryland, was sentenced today in U.S. District to 18 months of incarceration and ordered to pay more than \$180,000 in restitution after pleading guilty in December 2008 to one count of Theft of Government Property, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor, U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Jeffrey Irvine, and Alexandria Chief of Police David P. Baker announced.

According to the Statement of Offense signed by the defendant at the time of his guilty plea, Lyles began work in June 2006 with RGB Technology, Inc., which held a contract to provide information technology services to the Government Accountability Office ("GAO"). Lyles was assigned to work as a full-time Information Technology Analyst at GAO's headquarters and was given access to GAO's facilities as if he were directly employed by GAO. Part of his job assignments included assisting with the issuance and retrieval of computers to and from GAO employees.

Between June 2006 and December 2007, Lyles stole at least 89 laptop computers and other types of information technology equipment from GAO which Lyles then re-sold over the internet. Lyles posted advertisements for these items on the San Francisco-based on-line classified site Craigslist.org. Ten of these advertisements were posted from a computer located at GAO's headquarters in the District of Columbia. The total value of the computers Lyles stole from GAO and re-sold via the internet is \$180,794.16.

On December 3, 2008, Lyles entered a guilty plea to one count of Theft of Government Property. Today, Lyles was sentenced by Judge Reggie B. Walton to serve 18 months in prison to be followed by three years of supervised release. As part of Lyles' sentence, Judge Walton required that the defendant make restitution to GAO for the full amount of \$180,794.16.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Taylor commended the outstanding investigative work of Special Agents Ellen J. Ripperger and Duane A. Smith of the U.S. Secret Service; Detective Charlie Pak of the City of Alexandria, Virginia Police Department; Inspector Garrett P. Loughlin of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; and Special Agent Marty Lewis of the GAO Office of Security. Also praised was the work of Assistant U.S. Attorneys Susan B. Menzer and John W. Borchert, who investigated and prosecuted this case.

###